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Loan Interests

Drinking Water Application Deadline

Jeanne Cargill

Is your municipality planning to start construction of a drinking water project by the spring of next year? If so, and you're interested in obtaining a loan from the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP), you must submit an application to DNR postmarked no later than **April 30, 2004**. Your municipality's project is eligible for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2005 funding from the SDWLP if the following requirements are met:

- Your municipality submitted a Notice of Intent to Apply and a Priority Evaluation and Ranking Form to the SDWLP postmarked no later than December 31, 2003, and your project appears on the SDWLP Project Priority list for SFY 2005 (to be published in the next issue of Loan Interests).
- DNR's Bureau of Drinking Water and Groundwater approves an engineering report and receives the plans and specifications for your project by April 30, 2004.
- Your municipality submits an application to the SDWLP postmarked by April 30, 2004.

If you have questions regarding submittal of an engineering report or plans and specifications, contact Jim Witthuhn at 608-267-9659 or james.witthuhn@dnr.state.wi.us. If you have questions regarding the SDWLP, contact Jeanne Cargill at 608-267-7587 or jeanne.cargill@dnr.state.wi.us. Φ

LRLP Funding List for SFY 2004

Maureen Hubeler

The Land Recycling Loan Program (LRLP) Fiscal Year 2004 Funding List is in the appendix to this issue of Loan Interests. The LRLP received 9 applications in the first round of applications that were due October 1, 2003. February 1, 2004 was the deadline for the second round of applications. No applications were received in the second round.

The LRLP provides low cost loans to political subdivisions, including redevelopment and housing authorities, for the purpose of remediating environmental contamination at landfills, sites or facilities where contamination has affected or threatens to affect groundwater or surface water.

For information regarding the LRLP, see our web page at http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/
EL/Section/brownfield.html or contact Maureen Hubeler at 608-266-0849 or maureen.hubeler@dnr.state.wi.us. ϕ

Funding Sources Committee WRWA Conference

Jerry Wilson

A Funding Sources session will be presented at the Wisconsin Rural Water Association's Management Conference on Wednesday, April 7, 2004. The session is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay.

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This session will address funding alternatives for drinking water and wastewater projects and provide program updates. The following agencies, some of which will be represented at the breakout session, are included in the Funding Sources Committee:

Bd of Commissioners of Public Lands Foundation for Rural Housing, Inc. USDA Rural Development WI Community Action Prog. Assoc. WI Department of Administration WI Department of Commerce WI Department of Natural Resources WI Department of Veterans Affairs WI Rural Water Association WI Housing & Economic Development Authority

For further information, contact Jerry Wilson at 608-264-8986 or gerald.wilson@dnr.state.wi.us.

Committee representatives will also be available at booths during the conference to provide additional information. ϕ

Federal Single Audit Threshold

Ed Brinson

The U.S. Office of Management and Budget has increased the Federal Single Audit threshold from \$300,000 to \$500,000. This change will be effective for audits covering 2004 activity. For audits covering 2003 activity, the threshold remains \$300,000.

Municipalities that receive EIF loan or grant funds in a given year that originated from federal sources (e.g. EPA) are subject to the Federal Single Audit requirements. If a municipality receives \$500,000 or more in federal funds (from all sources) during calendar year 2004, the municipality will have to comply with the Federal Single Audit requirements. If the amount of federal

funds received (from all sources) during a given year is less than the threshold described above, then no Federal Single Audit report is required for that year. Φ

LRLP ITAs Received for SFY 05

Maureen Hubeler

The Land Recycling Loan Program (LRLP) received 9 Notices of Intent to Apply by the December 31, 2003 deadline. The total amount that is requested for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2005 is \$18,076,360.

Following is the list of projects for SFY 2005:

Town of Cottage Grove	\$ 700,000
City of Kenosha	5,200,000
City of Manitowoc	671,500
City of New Richmond	3,500,000
City of West Allis	590,900
City of West Allis	1,267,000
City of West Allis	4,077,160
City of West Allis	1,398,300
City of West Allis	671,500

Total \$18,076,360

If you have any questions regarding the LRLP, contact Maureen Hubeler at 608-266-0849 or maureen.hubeler@dnr.state.wi.us. ϕ

SFY 04 Hardship Funding List

Jeanne Cargill

The Clean Water Fund Program's State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2004 Hardship Financial Assistance Funding List (attached) includes three municipalities—Crystal Lake Sanitary District No. 1, the City of Bayfield, and the Village of Sheldon. The total estimated cost for the three projects is \$8,010,782.

The CWFP has enough hardship funds available in SFY 2004 to fund all three projects on the list. However, the CWFP project manager and the Department of Administration must further review application materials for each project before final determinations can be made regarding eligible costs and project affordability.

In order to be placed on the Hardship Funding List, a municipality's median household income (MHI) must be 80% or less of the state's MHI and the estimated annual charge to residential users in the municipality after the project is complete must be greater than 2% of the municipality's MHI. The goal of hardship financial assistance is to bring the residential user costs down to 2% of the MHI by providing a reduced interest rate loan or a combination of grant and 0% loan. The maximum grant is 70% of the project costs eligible for the below-market interest rate.

If you have questions regarding CWFP hardship financial assistance, contact Jeanne Cargill at (608) 267-7587 or jeanne.cargill@dnr.state.wi.us or contact Cindy Hoffland at (608) 266-7758 or

cynthia.hoffland@dnr.state.wi.us. φ

Calendar of Events

April 7, 2004
4:00pm
Funding Sources Presentation
KI Convention Center
Green Bay, WI
WRWA Management Conference

April 30, 2004 Postmark deadline SDWLP applications

June 30, 2004
Postmark deadline
Hardship applications